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Third Evening Division Campus Opens in Athol

The Mount Wachusett Community College Evening Division is expanding. The program's director Professor Otto Eckardt has announced the second semester opening of a new campus to be located at Athol High School. Athol will now join the Gardner and Fort Devens campuses in serving the continuing educational needs of North Central Massachusetts.

Since its establishment in 1965, the Evening Division has served the adult population of the area by offering a wide variety of courses.

During the spring semester 98 courses for credit are being offered as part of the college's 14 degree programs.

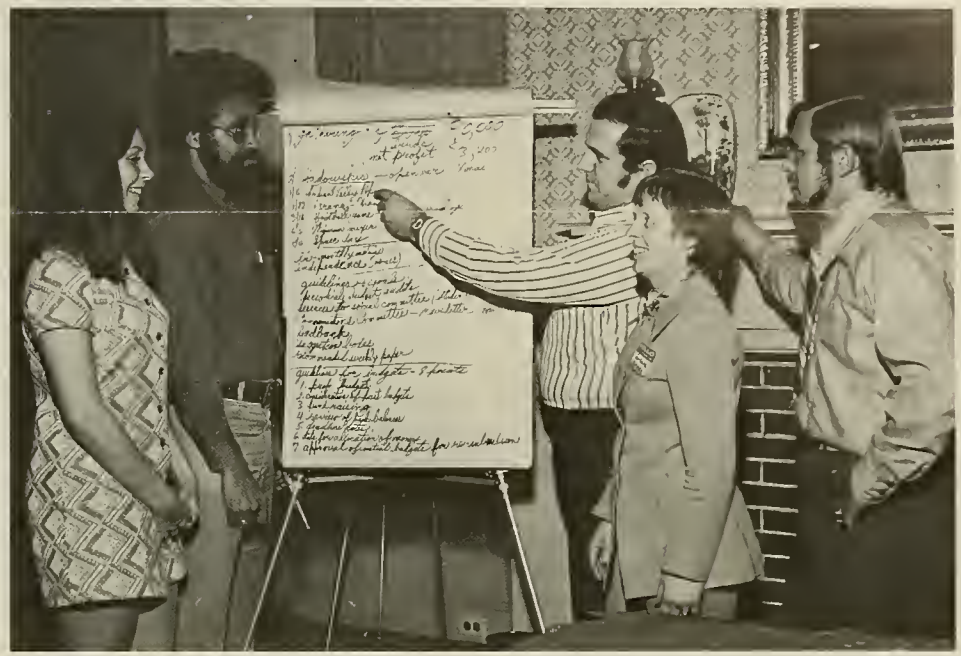
In addition six new, non-credit courses in Community Service have been added to the schedule for the first time.

Courses in this area will cover such exciting and diverse topics as "Insurance for the Layman," "Photography as a Hobby," "Modern Math for Parents," and "Automobile Mechanics for Layman."

Classes begin at all three campuses of the Evening Division on January 31. Special pre-registration counseling will be offered at both the Athol and Fort Devens' campuses.

Additional information and a full listing of course offerings may be obtained from the Evening School office at the Gardner campus or by calling 632-1280.

SEMINAR TRAINS STUDENT LEADERS



Jackie Leger, John Lyle, and Tony Minichiello analyze their projected goals as part of the leadership training course, while counselors Barbara Oatman and Bob Gilman look on.

(photo courtesy of The Gardner News.)

Twenty-six students are taking part in a continuing leadership training seminar being conducted by Robert H. Gilman, Director of Student Activities and Barbara T. Oatman, Director of Placement.

The course is designed to meet the needs of students entering leadership positions at the college. It is restricted to student government leaders, class officers, and specially selected students that participate in activities which would benefit most from such an experience.

The first phase of the course consisted of an all-day seminar during which student leaders projected the problems that they expected to encounter during the 1971-1972 academic year. Role playing and the committee structure were utilized to solve these problems and to come up with goals for the year.

An executive board was established comprised of a president, a finance committee chairman, a social committee chairman, a student activities committee chairman, and a constitution committee chairman.

These individuals performed their specially prescribed roles in front of the entire group, who were participating as observers, to illustrate the different personalities that make up a governing group and to demonstrate the group process.

The observers then reacted to the roles played by these individuals on the executive board, and discussed how well they utilized the principles of the planning process in determining their goals for the year.

The entire group then broke up into their individual committees in order to develop the goals in greater detail.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MEMO

At Mount Wachusett Community College, as at most other growing institutions, many activities and projects are constantly taking place as part of the college's daily growth and development. Mount Wachusett's plans and programs often affect not only its students and faculty but the entire college community.

In the past it had been shown that the Greater Gardner Community, as well as those actively involved with the college, needed a medium for the dissemination of information about the school. We hope that our monthly newsletter the CHRONICLE will serve this purpose.

The CHRONICLE will be published on the second Monday of the month, October through May. The information bulletin will endeavor to mirror an accurate reflection of Mount Wachusett Community College, its plans and programs, and its students and faculty.

The CHRONICLE is another example of Mount Wachusett's proud tradition of living up to its motto of providing "Service to Man and His World."

Arthur F. Haley

President
Mount Wachusett
Community College

The Newton Symphony Orchestra made its fourth annual appearance in Gardner under the auspices of MWCC's Distinguished Visitor Series. The orchestra under the direction of Michel Sasson offered selections by Paul Dukas, Rimsky-Korsakov and presented a special salute commemorating Mozart's 180th anniversary.

(photo courtesy of The Worcester Telegram and Gazette.)

Student leaders...

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The executive board then met again and continued their role playing situation utilizing the information brought forth in the committee meetings.

Again observer teams evaluated the performance of the executive board in further implementing the goals for the academic year.

The seminar concluded with a review of the problem census established at the beginning of the meeting to determine if adequate means had been brought forth during the course of the sessions to solve these problems. Follow up sessions have been planned.

As an additional part of the leadership training process, the student council has been observed on several occasions by the college's faculty parliamentarian Michael Kressy.

Mr. Kressy has critiqued the council meetings and has presented his analysis to the group. He has also made a presentation to the council on the workings of parliamentary procedure in order to aid the students in conducting their meetings.

A follow-up evaluation of the use of procedure is planned by Mr. Kressy.

The students in the seminar have also listened to taped interviews with Arthur F. Haley, President of MWCC; John Bassett, Dean of Faculty; and John Hogan, Dean of Students. The tapes were designed to inform the students as to the roles and problems associated with these administrative positions.

Participation and some assigned reading are the only requirements for this course. The students who fulfill these requirements will receive one credit on a pass/fail basis.

The students and group leaders will make evaluations of the course at its completion for use in the planning of future seminar courses.

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The Art Club sponsored a three-day trip last month to New York City under the auspices of the club's faculty advisor William Gruters. The students visited art museums, galleries, and several special exhibitions of Picasso's work which commemorated the artist's 90th birthday.

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"Operation Hotwheels" Moves Into Gear

"Do I hear $20," asks auctioneer Guy Turcotte as an anxious Marie Strazar stands on the bidding block. The Faculty Slave Auction raised $585 for "Operation Hotwheels."

(photo courtesy of The Worcester Telegram and Gazette.)

by Robert Gilman, *Director of Student Activities*

"Operation Hotwheels" is not a description of a student planned drag race nor does it imply that the students at Mount Wachusett Community College are planning to steal automobiles to raise money.

"Operation Hotwheels" is the name of a fund-raising drive currently being conducted by the Student Government in order to buy a school bus to transport our athletic teams and to be used by other student groups and organizations at the college.

To date, students have held a Faculty Slave Auction at which time the faculty offered their services to the highest bidder. These services could be in the form of tutoring, transportation or gourmet meals prepared by the faculty for groups of students.

The Faculty Slave Auction was very successful. Pledges amounting to $585.00 were made by students and faculty. These pledges must be paid in full before services will be rendered.

The second event conducted by the Hotwheels Committee was the sale of Christmas trees. It's estimated that the students will net approximately $150.00 to $200.00 in this venture.

Future events will be house-cleaning, paper drives, car washes, bake sales, and the sale of men's and lady's hoisery.

If the readers of this article feel their pockets bulging and are interested in a good tax deduction, donations would be appreciated. The students are also open to suggestions for further fund-raising ideas and are seeking a low bid for a good new or used bus.

Mental Health Students Attend Skills Seminar

The Mental Health Curriculum sponsored a workshop in December on communication skills and value clarifications. Twenty-three second year students attended the conference conducted by the Director of Special Services for the Gardner Public Schools Anthony Di Salvo.

One of the major goals of the workshop was to demonstrate to the students how to turn principles into practice.

Another primary objective was to strengthen a participant's self-confidence by providing new insights into himself and others and by helping him become more responsive to the world around him.

The meetings focused on the communications process, particularly listening skills. The group explored the dynamics of the helping interview, and analyzed what it feels like to assist someone and in turn what it feels like to be helped.

Mr. Di Salvo also examined the decision-making process and assisted the participants in identifying, clarifying, and actualizing the values by which we all live.

The Coordinator of the Mental Health Curriculum Peter Trainor along with faculty members Raymand Coleman, Ralph Robinson, and Joseph Laudani and student counselors Barbara Oatman, and Robert Gilman also joined the students as participants in the workshop.

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Nine teams entered this year's Second Annual MWCC Table Tennis Championships. The team of Vitello and Harris emerged victorious over the team of Holland and Scott in the best of seven series for the championship.

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The faculty and students of Mt. Wachusett responded well to the call of the Humanities Club's second annual Red Cross blood drive. Professor Jack Leamy served as faculty coordinator of the project and was assisted by the Executive Director of the Gardner Chapter of the Red Cross Louise Merrow and her staff of volunteer nurses and aids. Seventy-two pints of blood were donated during the four-hour drive.

(photo courtesy of Worcester Telegram and Gazette.)

MWCC Basketball Schedule
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January	**15**	**Worcester Industrial Tech**	**7:00 p.m.**
	26	***at Massachusetts Bay Community College**	**7:45 p.m.**
February	**1**	***at Middlesex Community College**	**7:45 p.m.**
	5	***at Berkshire Community College**	**7:45 p.m.**
	7	**Rhode Island Junior College**	**7:30 p.m.**
	10	**Stevens College**	**7:30 p.m.**
	12	***Greenfield Community College**	**7:45 p.m.**
	15	***Quinsigamond Community College**	**7:45 p.m.**
	16	**at Stevens College**	**7:30 p.m.**
	19	***at Holyoke Community College**	**7:45 p.m.**
	23	**at Springfield Community College**	**7:30 p.m.**
March 10-12		**Community College Tournament at Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield**	

***preceded by girl's game at 6:15 p.m.**

(home games are played at the Gardner Junior High School on Waterford Street)

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Dr. Peter Jengo demonstrated the effects of inhaling helium gas for the students in Miss Ann Dennett's Drug Use and Abuse classes. The demonstration allowed the students to feel the simulated effects of drugs and see for themselves how drugs can effect the mind.

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Bob Roy, the chairman of the student council marking system committee, reported the results of a poll of 100 students. Ninety-six students were in favor of a change in MWCC's current marking system and four were opposed. The committee is currently conducting a study of various grading systems used at other community colleges.

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Fitchburg's Mayor J. Harold Lemay recently addressed Professor Joseph Ruth's economics class on "Municipal Finances."

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There was a large turnout for a joint Christmas Concert presented at the college by the MWCC Chorale conducted by Mrs. Marie B. Bent and the Quinsigamond Community College Glee Club conducted by Mr. Andrew Brown.

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